SUBJECT No. 36.

Reduction in the percentage of members forming the quorum to elect members to the Tank Panchayets.

Messrs. Hampaiya, Sidlaghatta Municipality; Rame Gowda, Sidlaghatta Taluk.

Mr. Hampaiya.—It has been found impracticable to make a majority of the voters meet at the time of the meetings for election of members for the constitution of Tank Panchayets. In a few cases, the elections have been stopped for years together, for want of a quorum. The present rule may be suitably modified so that the number of voters may be reduced to 15 per cent in the case of tanks in respect of which the number of voters are 100 and above, and to 25 per cent in cases where the number of voters are less than 100.

Dewan.—Will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 37.

Recovery of *bandh* charges from raiyats during the Resurvey operations.

Mr. H. Basavegowda, Hassan District Board.

Mr. D. S. Hanumantha Rao.—All the charges on account of *bandhs* are borne by the villagers and still some charges are levied by the Survey Department towards this work.

Superintendent of Revenue Survey.—Towards the wages of *bandh* peons, a small fee of about 4 pies is levied.

Mr. Thimmappaiya.—It is unfair that the raiyats should bear this charge when they have contributed labour and when *bandh* peons do no work for them.

Dewan.—The matter will be enquired into.

SUBJECT No. 38.

Measurement of vacant building sites in villages.

Messrs. Seenappa and Rudrappa, Hoskote Taluk.

Mr. Seenappa.—The extent of Government and occupied vacant sites in villages is not being entered in the Registers now, and in villages where survey has been completed, all the available vacant sites have not been measured. The vacant sites are measured whenever applications are received for the same. The result is that sites are granted in irregular dimensions and buildings are allowed to be constructed without any regard to sanitary principles. There are also chances of the sites being encroached upon by adjacent occupants. To prevent such irregularities, vacant sites in villages may be divided into sites of suitable dimensions and the measurements recorded in the *Khaneshumari* account; the wells and temples meant for the use of the public may be registered under different numbers in the *Khaneshumari*.

Dewan.—Will be considered.

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SUBJECT No. 39.

(1) A non-official Indian Christian member for the Legislative Council.

(2) A member to the Legislative Council from each

Mr. J. R. Isaac.—(1) My request is for the nomination of a non-official Indian Christian for the Legislative Council. Our community is not so far represented in that Council and it is one of the most literate communities in the State, as every one here is aware. Practically, illiteracy

of the Municipalities of Bangalore and Mysore Cities.

Messrs. (1) J. R. Isaac, Indian Christian Association, Bangalore; (2) R. Gopalaswami Iyer, S. K. Narasimhiah and B. V. Krishna Iyengar, Bangalore City Municipality.

is unknown in our community. Even with reference to female education, I must say that this is the one community which is very progressive and so we feel that we can take an active interest in the administration of the State. It is true that we are gathered from the backward classes and that our number is insignificant; yet we feel that this should not bar our taking active interest in the administration of the State. We feel that it is time to make use of the special privilege to put our shoulder to the wheel and take a share in the affairs of the State. I may say here that although our community is a small one, yet our contribution to the State in minor officials and in higher ranks is no mean one. We feel the absence of our representative in the higher councils of the State.

Further, our interests and work are varied, and help the public of the State directly and indirectly in many forms, such as, Missionary Institution as Schools, Colleges and Hostels; Industrial concerns as Silk Farms, and Y. M. C. A., and render all help possible to the public in general.

In the Madras Presidency, the claim of our community has been recognised and five of them find places in the Madras Legislative Council.

I am sure, Government will recognize the legitimate claims of our community and grant us this request.

Dewan.—It is not merely on communal grounds that such nominations are made. However your request will be taken into consideration when a vacancy occurs although no definite promise can be given.

Mr. Subbaiya.—If election is based on communal representation, then all communities should be represented, otherwise, as a special case, I strongly recommend this case.

Dewan.—Will be considered when nominations are to be made.

Mr. R. Gopalaswami Iyer.—(2) The privilege of electing a member to the Legislative Council from each of the Municipal Councils of Bangalore and Mysore Cities may be granted.

Dewan.—Are these subjects brought before this Assembly on behalf of the Municipality or by yourself?

Mr. R. Gopalaswami Iyer.—These subjects were discussed in the Municipal Councils before they were brought here. Out of the three subjects that I brought before the Council, the Council agreed to my bringing these subjects before the Representative Assembly except the one on Womens Franchise which I have brought individually.

Dewan.—There are 3 or 4 members in the Legislative

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Council who are also members of the Municipal Council, *e.g.*, the Vice-President.

Mr. R. Gopalaswami Iyer.—There is no guarantee that these members will continue from year to year and hence, I pray that a separate election may be given to the Municipal Council. I want the principle to be recognised.

Mr. Abbas Khan.—I must say that the questions brought forward by Mr. R. Gopalaswami Iyer are not from the Municipality, but are his own.

Mr. G. Paramasivaiya.—The members that go to the Municipal Council are those that are elected by the voters. Hence the request to depute a representative from the Municipal Council to the Legislative Council does not seem to be reasonable. It would mean exercising the right to vote twice.

Mr. Karnick Krishna Murthi.—There is no reason why a member of the Municipal Council should be elected to the Legislative Council. It is but reasonable that a representative in the Legislative Council must be one who is elected by the voters and not by the Municipal Council. If necessary, citizens of Bangalore and Mysore may vote and send a member each.

SUBJECT NO. 40.

Publication of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council.

Mr. G. Anantharajappa, Tumkur Taluk.

Mr. M. Subbaiya.—The Proceedings of the Legislative Council may be published as early as possible, as it is a dire necessity.

Mr. G. Paramasivaiya.—There is a Government Press to carry out all Government work and hence arrangements may be made to have them issued as early as possible.

Third Member of Council.—The same question was discussed in the Madras Legislative Council and it was pointed out with facts and figures that it was not possible to issue them so early and that, at least, two months would be required. We will try our best to have them issued as early as we can.

Dewan.—This will be attended to.

SUBJECT NO. 41.

A Regulation to preven the slaughter of cattle in the Mysore State.

Messrs. Kanchugar Kalappa, Chitaldrug Municipality; K. T. Seshaiya, Belur Taluk; H. Basavegowda, Hassan District Board; C. V. Venkata Sanjeevaiya, Closepet Municipality, and Nadig Venkataramaiya, Kadur Taluk.

Kanchugar Kalappa.—It was promised last year that the question of passing a Regulation to prohibit the slaughter of cattle would be considered. I pray that early action may be taken to pass a Regulation in this respect. Especially in *Jatras* of *Maramma* and *Yaknathamma* in places such as Davangere and Challakere, thousands of cattle and buffaloes are slaughtered. Even *Dharmadarsis* of the temples cannot do anything in this matter, though we have repeatedly brought the state of affairs to their notice. It is so even in case of Muzrai temples. An order may be passed prohibiting the practice, or to obtain a license beforehand.

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